

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS WITHOUT MARKINGS

2 Replacement Sheets are submitted herewith.

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted preliminary to the issuance of an Office Action in the present application.

Applicant has canceled original claims 1-24 in favor of new claims 25-48 which are intended to present claims in proper form and language and to better encompass the full scope and breadth of the invention notwithstanding applicant's belief that the claims would have been allowable as originally filed. Accordingly, applicant asserts that no claims have been narrowed to trigger prosecution history estoppel.

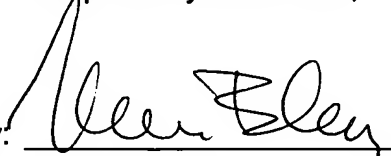
In addition, applicant has amended the specification to present it in proper form and language. Especially, applicant has provided the specification with a new title and proper headings.

2 Replacement Sheets of drawings for FIGS. 6, 8, 9, 10, 11 have been amended in the following manner: In FIG. 6, stippling has been removed from the visible indents. In FIGS 8, 9, 10, 11 reference numerals 19 have been added to indicate partial surfaces as described in the specification for clarity's sake. No new matter has been added.

When the Examiner takes this application up for action, s/he is requested to take the foregoing into account.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0502.

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